

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A slide member comprising a back metal layer, a slide alloy layer provided on the back metal layer, and an overlay layer provided on the slide alloy layer, and

wherein the overlay layer is formed from Bi or Bi alloy, and in a crystal configuration thereof, a Miller index (202) face has the index of orientation of not less than 30% and the X-ray diffracted intensity $R_{(202)}$ of the (202) face assumes a maximum value as compared with those of other faces.

2. The slide member according to claim 1, wherein the Miller index (202) face has the index of orientation of not less than 40% and the X-ray diffracted intensity $R_{(012)}$ of a Miller index (012) face is not more than 45% of the X-ray diffracted intensity $R_{(202)}$ of the (202) face.

3. The slide member according to claim 1, wherein the overlay layer has a thickness of 3 to 15 μm .

4. The slide member according to claim 2, wherein the overlay layer has a thickness of 3 to 15 μm .

5. The slide member according to claim 1, wherein an intermediate layer formed from one or more selected from Ni, Cu, Ag, Co, Ni alloy, Cu alloy, Ag alloy, or Co alloy is provided between the slide alloy layer and the overlay layer.

6. The slide member according to claim 2, wherein an intermediate layer formed from one or more selected from Ni, Cu, Ag, Co, Ni alloy, Cu alloy, Ag alloy, or Co alloy is provided between the slide alloy layer and the overlay layer.

7. The slide member according to claim 3, wherein an intermediate layer formed from one or more selected from Ni, Cu, Ag, Co, Ni alloy, Cu alloy, Ag alloy, or Co alloy is provided between the slide alloy layer and the overlay layer.

8. The slide member according to claim 4, wherein an intermediate layer formed from one or more selected from Ni, Cu, Ag, Co, Ni alloy, Cu alloy, Ag alloy, or Co alloy is provided between the slide alloy layer and the overlay layer.